

REMARKS

Claims 4-9 and 14-29 are currently pending. Claims 7-9 were allowed, and claims 4 and 14-18 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 4, 14, and 18 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the respective base claim. The scope of each of claims 4, 14, and 18 has not changed by the foregoing amendment. New claims 21-23 and claims 19-20 should be allowable because they depend from claim 18, which is allowable. New claims 24-27 and claims 15-17 should be allowable because they depend from claim 14, which is allowable. New claims 28-29 and claims 5-6 should be allowable because they depend from claim 4, which is allowable. Claims 1-3 and 10-13 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in a future application.

In addition, the specification has been amended to correct apparent typographical or clerical errors in the reference numerals. Entry of the foregoing amendment as well as the prior amendment to the specification is respectfully requested.

Based on the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are allowable over the cited references, and requests a Notice of Allowance at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner should have any questions or comments regarding the present application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned representative at 512-473-2550.

Respectfully submitted,



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